Export of Woolen Items

1943. SHRI MAHESH KUMAR M. KANODIA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been substantial increase in the export of woollen items from the country; and

(b) if so, the value of the woollen items exported and the additional amount of foreign exchange earned during the 1995-96 as compared to 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA) :(a) and (b). The exports of woollen items from the country have increased from US $ 341.50 million in 1994-95 to US $ 370.03 million in 1995-96, showing an increase of US $ 28.53 million.

[English]

Price of Coal

1944. PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have recently raised the prices of coking and non-coking coal;

(b) if so, the percentage of hike in the prices of coal alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(c) its likely impact on the industrial production and the market prices of finished goods besides on the power sector in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) The Government deregulated prices of coking coal and A, B and C grade of non-coking coal vide notification dated 22.3.1996. Coal Companies are now competent to fix the prices of these varieties. Further in accordance with the recommendation of the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices (BICP) a notification was issued increasing the price of regulated grades of coal produced in Western Coalfields Limited (WCL) to the level notified for Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) this was issued on 22.3.1996. Separate prices have also been notified for the Ramagundam OC-II mine of SCCL on 9.1.1996 and the Rajmahal OC project of Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL) on 22.4.1996.

(b) Percentage of increase in prices of coal produced from the mines of WCL and from the Ramagundam OC-II mine and Rajmahal OC Project are given in the attached statement.

Higher prices for coal produced from the mines of SCCL have always been fixed taking into account the geomining conditions in which it operates. Since WCL also operates in the same geomining conditions BICP have recommended prices for coal produced from the mines of WCL to be fixed at the level of prices charged for coal produced from the mines of SCCL.

The likely impact of price increase of coal on different sectors is as follows :-

Steel	:	Rs. 293 per tonne
Power	:	2 Paise per KWH
Cement	:	Rs. 14.16 per tonne

STATEMENT

Percentage of increase in prices of WCL coal and the coal produced from the Ramagundam OC-II mine and the Rajmahal OC Projects over the prices as fixed on 16.6.1994

Western Coalfields Limited

Grades of Coal	Percentage of increase w.e.f. 22.3.1996 per tonne
Non-Coking	
Grade - D	43.84%
Grade - E	50.93%
Grade - F	57.58%

Ramagundam OC-II Mine

	Percentage of increase w.e.f. 9.1.1996 per tonne
Coal produced from Ramagundam OC-II Mines	43.18%

Rajmahal OC Projects

	Percentage of increase w.e.f. 22.4.1996 per tonne
Coal produced from Rajmahal OC Projects	57.20%

Marketing Complex and Dye Making Centre

1945. SHRI K.D. SULTANPURI : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) wheather there is marketing complex and dye making centre of the National Handloom Development Corporation in each State;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal under consideration to open such marketing complex and dye making centre in Delhi State also;

(c) if so, the details thereof including the time frame for it; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) No. Sir.

(b) It has been decided to establish a Marketing Complex at Delhi in Bhikaji Cama Place.

There is no proposal to open any dye making centre at Delhi.

(c) and (d). The complex will be operational in 1997.

Management of Sick Industries

1946. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether various labour cooperatives have requested the Government to hand over the management of sick industries to them;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the details of the industries handed over or proposed to be handed over to such cooperatives?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) has reported that proposals for revival of sick industrial companies through workers' co-operatives, whenever received, are given due consideration by BIFR. As on 30.06.1996, BIFR had sanctioned revival schemes in respect of the following five industrial companies involving workers' cooperatives:

	Name of the Company	State in which company is located
1.	New Central Jute Mills	West Bengal
2.	Kamani Tubes	Maharashtra
3.	Powder Metals	Maharashtra
4.	HES Limited	Maharashtra
5.	K.M.A. Limited	Maharashtra

Export of Wheat

1947. SHRI VINAY KATIYAR :
SHRI DADA BABURAO PARANJPE :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of wheat exported during each of the last three years, country-wise;

(b) the amount of foreign exchange earned through export of wheat during the above period; and

(c) the total quantity of wheat likely to be exported and the foreign exchange earned therefrom during 1996-97, country-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) and (b). The total quantity and value of wheat exported during the last three years is as under :

Year	Quantity (Mts.)	Value (Rs.) Crores
1993-94	390	0.20
1994-95	86628	42.34
1995-96	617211	360.90

The country-wise details of quantity and value of wheat exported are available in the monthly bulletin/ annual numbers published by Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics, Calcutta, copies of which are available in the Parliament library.

(c) It is not possible to accurately estimate the likely quantum of exports as they would depend upon the prices prevailing in the international and domestic markets on account of different varieties traded, variation in quality and other terms of trade. However, the Food Corporation of India has been permitted to export/sell for the purposes of export during 1996-97 upto 5 lakh tonnes of non-durum wheat from the public stocks against the carry over commitment made in 1995-96. Further, a ceiling of 10 lakh Mts. of wheat has been released for exports of wheat from the sources other than Food Corporation of India for the year 1996-97.

Export of Automobiles

1948. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any decline in the exports of automobile during 1995-96 in comparison to 1993-94 and 1994-95;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to boost the exports of automobile?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) and (b). There has been no decline in the exports of automobiles during 1995-96 as compared to the exports during 1993-94 and 1994-95. The exports of automobile during the last three years have been as under :